

Essex Conservation Commission

November 1, 2005-Minutes

Meeting held at the T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library

Present: Wallace Bruce, Chairman\*, Robert Brophy, Philip Caponigro, Elisabeth Frye, Stephan Gersh, Shirley Singleton, Philip Lake\*\*

Meeting called to order 7:35

7:35p.m. – Continuation of public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Christopher Gibson, 102 Apple Street, construction of a gravel driveway and installation of two drainage pipes. Reviewed sight plan and opened discussion. Stephan Gersh inquired about 3 sources of water and questioned velocity of water and the surface soil's ability to absorb water at high rate of travel. Suggested a drain from roof to detention basin. Mr. Gibson suggested a better alternative to be a sediment trap to clear deposits. Manhole will have the trap and a sump pump and will be highly effective in trapping and flushing sediment deposits. The 3-foot sediment trap would be a condition of approval by the Commission.

Wallace Bruce inquired about the velocity of the water and voiced concern for the sediment to be trapped. Mr. Gibson indicated that the velocity would be broken up by the flared end and by riff raff, which would spread the flow out and slow the velocity. The time of travel will be reduced by the channalizes flow, but the velocity will be broken up by flair and rocks and will settle into the trap/manhole and will reduce the sediment load that will get into the wetland area.

\*7:45 – Wallace Bruce calls for a break and subsequently excuses himself and leaves the meeting.

Shirley Singleton and Elisabeth Frye saw the sight and didn't see any problem with the trap. Inquires about whom will notify the DPW of plans in order to be assured of compatibility with their designs. Mr. Gibson will be responsible for contacting DPW.

Inquiry from Pam Mansfield and Richard Heresy, abutters, reviewed plan and map, asked about whether this is a new development or an existing property. It is an existing property.

Stephan, acting as Chair, asks for a motion to close public hearing for Christopher Gibson, Shirley Singleton makes a motion to close, seconded by Elisabeth Frye, with Commission voting unanimously in favor.

Before leaving, the Commission votes on Building Permit for Christopher Gibson,

102 Apple Street, construction of shed dormer to rear. No issues from Commission. Shirley Singleton makes a motion to sign and accept building permit, with the Commission voting unanimously in favor.

7:47 – \*\*Philip Lake arrives. A request made by Mass. Highway for the Commission to Determine the Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, section 40, for the resurfacing of Route 128, 900 ft of which is in Essex. Mass. Highway represented by Victoria Sheehan and relates the request as standard. Philip Lake inquires about the extra black top being left on triangle at the Pine Street ramp. Ms. Sheehan agrees to inquire about build up and pass concern o to maintenance. Part of the project will upgrade safety and guardrails.

Motion was made by Robert Brophy for a negative finding, seconded by Stephan Gersh, with the Commission voting unanimously in favor, with conditions for sediment control and other protection measures found on page one of conditions.

7:55 – A public hearing was held under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by John Donovan, 77 Wood Drive, for a septic system upgrade. Owner represented by John Judd. Mandatory upgrade as a property transfer. Found best location for system to meet the minimum requirement of Title 5. Will be singular septic tank, three compartment tank, with first compartment is primary settling chamber, second is the narrator where air is blown in thirty minutes in thirty minutes off 24 hours a day, third compartment is a filter. Erosion control and retaining wall in place. Driveway will remain in tact. Proposal has gone before Board of Health.

Robert Brophy inquires about retaining wall upgrade and thinks it should be considered a different project all together. One way or the other wants more information, perhaps someone to go out and review on site. Mr. Donovan assures Commission that the wall would not require any mortar but just rearrange the rocks, and no work in the water. Mr. Brophy points out that they are working right in the Wetlands on the edge of Chebacco Lake. Other Commission members find Mr. Brophy's concerns valid and would like a site review. Philip Caponigro agrees to go out and take a look.

Stephan Gersh moved to continue public hearing for John Donovan, 77 Wood Drive, to Tuesday, November 15, 2005, seconded by Shirley Singleton, Commission voting unanimously in favor.

8:06 - Request for continuation of a public hearing for Peter Van Wyck, three houses and appurtenances at Low Land Farms, Accessors Map 12 (3), Motion to continue the public hearing on December 6, 2005 made by Robert Brophy, seconded by Shirley Singleton, the Commission votes in favor of continuation, with Elisabeth Frye abstaining.

Building Permit Application Review:

- 1) George and Robert Andrews, 49 Story Street, demolish and repair rear portion of existing barn. With no wetland issues, permit was initialed and signed.
- 2) Jonathan and Jennifer Cort, 51 Story Street, construction of single family dwelling. With no wetland issues, permit was initialed and signed.
- 3) James Richardson, Island Road, improve existing barn, equipment shed, greenhouse. With no wetland issues, permit was initialed and signed.
- 4) Thomas Lawler, 51 Eastern Avenue, Construction of single family dwelling. With no wetland issues, permit was initialed and signed.
- 5) Kevin Ricci, 55 Main Street, construction of two storage rooms. With no wetland issues, permit was initialed and signed.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, Susan Dillar, 92 Pond Street, D.E.P. # 21-0491, put on hold until on site visit completed by Philip Caponigro.

BOH Verification of Conservation Commission Jurisdiction, Edward Gallivan, 25 Haskell Court, to be reviewed at an on site inspection by Stephan Gersh.

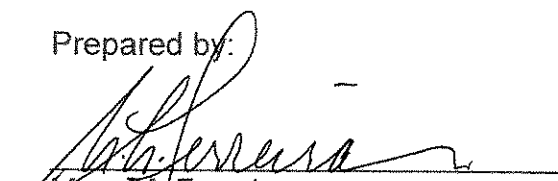
Plan for 89 Choate Street, planting along stone wall, reviewed and Okayed by Commission.

Payroll and Bills payable signed.

Stephan Gersh moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Phil Lake, with the Commission voting unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Prepared by:



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Administrative Clerk

Attest: